

MILITARY TRAINING RESUMED AT PENN

Student Battalion to Be Provided With Uniforms and Rifles by United States

OTHER CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Northcliffe and Gerard to Address New England Society's Annual Dinner, Dec. 22

Military training is on again at the University of Pennsylvania. The student battalion, led by Major Charles T. Griffin, U. S. A., has resumed its instruction. Major Griffin, the new commandant, is an officer of fourteen years' experience and a Vera Cruz campaigner. A fall from a horse a year ago at Fort Riley, Kansas, broke his right leg and incapacitated him for active service. The battalion will be provided by the War Department with uniforms and drill rifles within about a month.

Big Speakers for New Englanders

Prominent men who already have accepted invitations to speak at the New England Society of Pennsylvania's annual dinner, December 22 include Lord Northcliffe, chairman of the British war mission to the United States; James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany; Wellington Koo, Chinese Minister to the United States; Irvin Cobb, the humorist, and "Old Josh" Cobb, of Otto Creek, Vt. The dinner will be one of the important winter events.

Arms Plant Tops Cathedral as Art

The Remington Arms plant at Eddystone is a finer example of architecture than any cathedral, declared Joseph Pennell, the noted artist, addressing the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at a dinner-meeting in the Meridian Club last night.

Navy Yard Workers Give \$2000

A check for \$2000 for Christmas tobacco for American sailors in foreign waters was contributed by Philadelphia Navy Yard workers. Wives of 19,000 navy yard employees will organize a section of the Red Cross naval auxiliary.

Physician-Autoists in Fall Meeting

A service flag, showing that 178 of its members have gone to the colors, will be displayed at the fall entertainment of the Physicians' Motor Club, at the Tittenhouse, at 9 o'clock tonight.

New Red Cross Rooms

Many Jewish women of the city have started work at the new rooms, 23 South Ninth street, as Auxiliary No. 202 of the local Red Cross. The rooms and all furnishings were donated by Gimbel Brothers.

2000 Sweaters Sent South

More than 2000 sweaters have been sent to southern camps by the Philadelphia auxiliary of the Southern Industrial Educational Association.

'Objectors' Traitors, Says Bishop

War's "conscientious objectors" are treasonable, according to Bishop Luther B. Wilson, speaking at the fall banquet of the Methodist Episcopal Social Union, Scottish Rite Building, last night. Walter F. Ballinger was elected president.

Miss Biddle, Auto Victim, Better

The condition of Miss Sydney Biddle, fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mercer Biddle, who was badly injured in an automobile accident Saturday, was reported as slightly improving today.

Church Has 53 Stars in Flag

A service flag containing fifty-three stars is fluttering today from the St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Broad and Vesper streets. It was made by the "Daisy Chain," a Sunday school organization.

WILL INSPECT CITY'S PLANS FOR TRANSIT

Massachusetts Street Railway Investigation Commission Coming Here Tomorrow

Philadelphia's present and proposed transit facilities will be inspected tomorrow by the Massachusetts Street Railway Investigation Commission, which is visiting the large cities of the East to study street railway problems.

The commission, which is headed by Senator Joseph W. Martin, Jr., a prominent newspaper publisher of Boston, will arrive in this city tonight. They will be the guests tomorrow morning of Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, who will explain to them the present system and take them on an inspection tour of the Market street elevated and subway. They will be shown also the work being done on the Broad street subway, the delivery loop of the new system and the Frankford elevated.

MILKMEN'S NEW SCHEDULE

Daylight Deliveries Will Begin Tomorrow in All Parts of City

The curtailment of milk deliveries by dealers in this city becomes effective tomorrow. The early morning deliveries are to be abandoned. The first will be made at 10 a. m. This schedule is to continue throughout the winter.

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HOW SOARING PRICES HIT THE SMALL PURCHASER OF COAL



Above are shown two pictures of small purchasers of fuel, who are charged prices that seem disproportionate, even in an era of ascending living cost. One shows a Wood street grocery store, where twenty pounds of coal in a scrubbing bucket is retailed at 10 cents, if the purchaser supplies a box or receptacle, a rate of \$11.20 a ton. By the bag, as shown in the other picture, charcoal costs 1 cent a pound or \$22.40 a ton.

SMALL COAL CONSUMERS BILKED BY GROCERS WHO GROW PROSPEROUS AT EXPENSE OF POOR

Paper Bags and Buckets Mediums by Which Unscrupulous Dealers Increase Their Profits—Some Net as High as \$20 a Ton—Evening Ledger Investigation Discloses Serious Abuses

COAL consumers of central Philadelphia are paying all the way from \$11.20 to \$20 for coal bought by the paper-bag and bucket plans. Many grocers in this section are defying the law by giving short weights, both in bags and buckets. This has been proved conclusively by an investigation made by the Bureau of Weights and Measures, aided by representatives of the EVENING LEDGER.

"Coal of no special weight—just coal" was handed out by dealers in this section, bounded by Eighth and Sixteenth streets and Race and Spring Garden streets, in five-eighth bushel lots, in defiance of the act of July 14, 1912, which fixes the weight of a bushel at seventy-five pounds and declares that "any vendor selling any subdivision of a bushel must give weight equivalent proportionate to that bushel."

In this law purely a dead letter in Philadelphia.

At a corner grocery on North Sixteenth street near Race the investigating party purchased for fourteen cents a paper bag of coal purporting to contain eighteen pounds of coal net, and so marked on the bag. This bag when weighed later at the Bureau of Weights and Measures was found to weigh 16 1/2 pounds, including the weight of the bag. The bag bears the print of a coal dealer on Belgrade street, one of the three larger dealers specializing just now on the distribution of coal in paper bags.

Even assuming that the bags had been full weight, as stamped, the consumer is paying at the rate of close to \$20 a ton for coal purchased by this method.

Bags of coal are offered also by another grocer, also on North Sixteenth street near Vine. He carries bags in two sizes; but coal in bags purporting to contain eighteen pounds; pea coal in bags claiming twenty-three pounds. Both sizes sold at thirteen cents, one cent less than the price at the first store. The variation of one cent or so a bag seems to worry these dealers little. At thirteen cents this grocer is still clearing the neat profit of two cents per bag, or \$1.50 per ton at the expense of you, the consumer.

The eighteen-pound bag in this case was found to contain full weight. The twenty-three-pound bag, however, was short by one pound two ounces, plus the weight of the bag; the gross weight being found to be twenty-one pounds fourteen ounces.

Accidental, possibly. "Every bag weighs different," supplemented this grocer.

At the corner grocery near Eleventh and Wood streets coal is sold loose by the

bucket at ten cents per bucket. How many pounds you get—oh, come! Surely yours not going to quibble over a true like that? "That's just as it runs," the grocer said. At the Bureau of Weights and Measures it was found to run twenty pounds of coal for ten cents, after deducting the weight of the bucket.

The bucket, by the way, is of the scrubbing variety, designed by its maker to hold ten quarts of liquid measure. It would be splitting hairs, doubtless, to raise the point that every liquid quart contains 2 1/2 cubic inches less than every dry quart, so that in buying ten quarts, wet measure, of coal you are really getting—but please, what's the use?

A grocer on North Tenth street near Vine gives approximately the same weight of coal, twenty pounds, but in a wooden bucket and charges for it eleven not ten cents. "Very hard work," he observed in disgust, after transferring the contents of the bucket to a paper bag for your convenience.

But his is nothing to the hardship supported by a grocer on Wood street near Eighth in handing out "just coal" in standard twenty-quart bucket lots. "It's no special weight, lady," the grocer, martyr-like, repeated several times.

Bags of coal are banded in front of his shop, but selling loose by the bucket is admittedly his favorite method. Why not? By test, one of these buckets is found to contain forty-one and one-half pounds, instead of the forty-six and seven-eighths pounds (five-eighths of a seventy-five-pound bushel) to which you are actually entitled by law.

Trolley and Auto Injure Two

Betty Gaphart, twenty-four years old, 5077 Ridge avenue, was knocked down by a trolley car at Twenty-eighth and Jefferson streets last night while on her way home. She was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from scalp wounds. Stanford Pollard, six years old, 2212 Turner street, while playing near his home was struck last night by an automobile driven by Joseph A. Yunker, 4119 Spruce street. He was removed to the Northwestern General Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the right leg. Yunker was held by Magistrate Collins today for a further hearing.

New Civil Service Examinations

Civil service examinations are to be held as follows: For junior chemical engineer, \$1200 to \$2600, on December 21; for ordnance engineer, \$2400 to \$3600, and assistant in numbering, \$2000 to \$2600, on December 18. These positions are open to men only.

RAISE SCHOOL TAX RATE TO SIX MILLS TODAY

Education Board Will Also Determine Distribution of \$300,000 Increase in Teachers' Salaries

One of the most important meetings of the Board of Education in many years will be held today at 3 p. m. in the Keystone Building, Nineteenth street above Chestnut. Formal action will be taken raising the school tax rate to six mills, in line with the recommendations of the finance committee.

The board is also required to determine today how the fund of \$300,000 available for increased salaries for teachers can be distributed so as to satisfy all teachers. A lively contest is expected on the recommendation of the elementary schools committee that one associate and two district superintendents be dispensed with.

Strong opposition has developed in the board against this plan. It was predicted yesterday by officials of the board, and by several prominent men not connected with the school system, that the adoption of this resolution would result in a terrific storm breaking over the school system. This will result in a complete airing of the whole educational situation, it is said.

Gas Causes Death of Old Negress

Gas poisoning caused the death today of Mrs. Rose M. Brown, an eighty-year-old negress, 1847 North Taylor street, at the Lanekenu Hospital, as a result of turning a jet by accident.

Girard Alumni Flag Raised

The Girard College alumni have raised a service flag with 210 stars, in front of the alumni house at 1302 Poplar street. It was presented by the Twentieth Century Decade organization of the alumni.

ALL AMERICAN AIRMEN NOW FLY IN U. S. COLORS

Aviators Fighting With French Receive Commissions From Home Government

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Nov. 12.

All American aviators now fighting in the French army were today formally commissioned officers in the United States army aviation service. The famous Lafayette Escadrille of Americans was included.

Some of the new American flyers will continue temporarily with their present commands and under French direction until they are called upon for active service with the American expeditionary forces. A great many airmen, however, will join the American colors at once.

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